

The Blessed Hope

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The popular preacher, Vernon McGee, was once asked why the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart. Just about every believer has asked this question at some point but it is doubtful whether many received a reply as clear as the one Vernon gave. God doesn't put any hardness in our hearts, and He didn't put any in Pharaoh's heart either. Rather He exposed the hardness that was already there. Dr McGee gave an analogy from his childhood on the family farm. If he went into the barn late at night, carrying a lamp, all of the rats scrambled into their hiding places. They moved so fast that he barely caught a glimpse of them. But the lamp had an immediate and very different effect on the birds roosting in the barn. They all began to sing!

The lamp didn't turn the rat into a rat. He was a rat already. Nor did it turn the bird into a bird. But it revealed the habitation and true nature of both.

The great spiritual darkness that now covers the earth provides a rich hunting ground for those who hate the light. Every so often, however, an honest person carries a lamp into the barn and the rats scatter. We didn't know they were there, or that there was so many of them, but for a brief, dramatic moment we got to see the real picture.

Where are the God-fearing preachers?

Good preachers should do this all the time, but we hear little preaching like this today. Instead our churches are closed or under government control. The pastors ask their flocks to wear masks, wash their hands, stand far apart, and not share objects. They no longer evangelize or celebrate the Lord's Supper. Fellowship has disappeared. Normality will return, they say, when we take the vaccine. Meanwhile we are advised to do whatever the government tells us, no matter how irrational, unscientific or undemocratic it might be.

This should grieve the hardest of hearts.

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Thankfully, our heavenly Father is merciful and has shone a light into the future for our benefit. We may ease our grief at any time by contemplating upon the glorious prospect which He has set before us.

The Apostle Paul called it the **“blessed hope”** (Titus 2:13).



In our modern world the word “hope” suggests faith in something that we would like to happen, but we are not certain that it will. In a Biblical sense, however, it denotes the certain fulfillment of a future event. Our faith is sure because our hope is certain.

We stand on God's promises, firm in the knowledge – the certainty – that He will do everything that He said He would do.

The enemies of God's Word like to shake our faith, not necessarily by refuting what He said but by getting us to believe it was not actually what He meant.

Some of what God has said is astounding from our human standpoint. When a non-believer hears of these things, he may laugh at our *credulity*. A being you call God made everything in six days? Are you serious? And yet we know it's true because we know His Word in its totality is true. The Holy Spirit reached through our fallen, sin-damaged condition and enabled us to see this. It was just one of the many miracles that touched our lives when we heard and believed the Gospel.

The great war against Truth

The great war against the literal truth of the Bible has been raging ever since Copernicus claimed the earth was a ball travelling in a circle (or an ellipse) around the sun, and that the sun itself never moved. This was a direct contradiction of Joshua 10:12-13. Even today, a great many believers, who claim to trust completely in the literal truth of God's Word, are unable to take these verses in their true, literal sense.

The Enemy knows what he's doing. If he can get Christians to falter in a small detail, he knows he can widen the crack. The teaching on the Flood provides him with another opportunity. Surely God didn't intend us to understand that it covered the entire earth? Oh yes He did! But a great many of those who claim to believe in the literal truth of the Bible have fallen at this fence. Bit by bit a chisel forged in hell has been chipping away at God's Word.



Every time Christians side with “science” in its denial of Biblical truth, they are unwittingly putting the word of man before the Word of God. Instead of inspecting what the Enemy is up to, they lazily “reinterpret” God's Word to fit the scientific model. Does it never occur to them that science itself has been hijacked by Satan and cunningly reconfigured to confuse mankind?

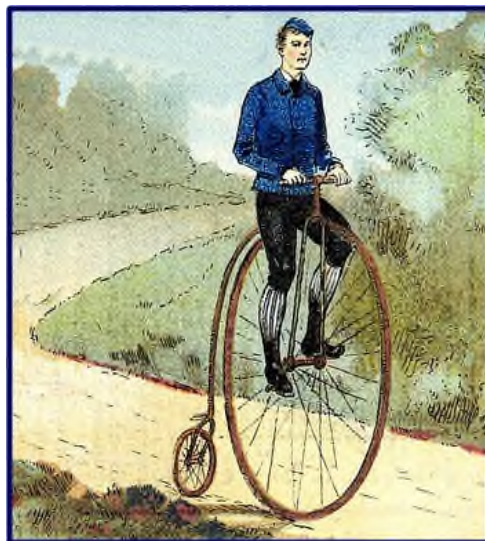
This may help to explain why only a small proportion of Christians today believe in the Rapture and why, of those, only a minority believe it will take place before the seven-year Tribulation begins.

Trapped in a materialistic worldview

As Christians who believe in the Rapture, we may not realize how unsettling this idea is to someone whose mind is steeped in modern science. Everything he has been taught about the material world and physical reality rebels against it. How can millions of people simply disappear from the earth at the same time? One moment they are here and the next moment they are gone.

Professing Christians who have allowed their understanding of the Bible to be shaped and defined by modern science have difficulty with the doctrine of the Rapture. It seems too far-fetched. What is more it is derived almost entirely from a few passages of Scripture which, some scholars have argued, could just as easily be interpreted in a different way.

They want us to believe that their rejection of the Rapture is based on a study of Scripture, when in reality it is based on their deep-rooted reluctance to take God's Word literally. The same people usually have difficulty with the six-day creation and the worldwide flood.



Since we have already examined the Scriptural basis for the Rapture in previous papers, we won't examine it here [See our papers #20, #81, #91, and #107]. Rather, our purpose in this paper is to highlight the *importance* of this sublime Biblical truth, this wonderful promise of God, as we enter a time of great spiritual darkness.

The Enemy now has all the technology he needs to implement his great End Time deception, to draw all nations into the grasp of an all-powerful world government and use this political instrument to facilitate the arrival of his 'anointed', the Antichrist. The worldwide imposition of totalitarian control is already being achieved through the Covid pandemic program.

Those Christians who are watching world events through the lens of Bible prophecy know that “normality” will not be restored, that the pandemic program is part of a greater plan which will see our human liberties eroded on a scale and at a rate never seen before. For most of those who live in hope, it is the false hope of a restored normality. But for Christians who take God at His Word, it is the “blessed hope,” an event which all who love the LORD are awaiting in daily expectation.



True believers need to stand on this hope and draw strength from it. This would seem to be why our Father gave it to us. He let us know in advance that it was part of our spiritual inheritance. The doctrine of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture is plainly stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, but even if these passages had not been included in the Word of God, the doctrine could still be inferred, on sound theological grounds, from several other doctrines and selected passages.

The Wrath of God

Perhaps the most telling of these is the doctrine of the Wrath of God, which teaches that God has chosen a time to pour out his wrath on rebellious mankind. This wrath was demonstrated at the time of the Flood and, later, in an exemplary manner, in the plain of Sodom, but most significantly it was expressed to perfection for six hours while Jesus was nailed to the cross. During those precious hours our Savior bore the wrath of God on our behalf.

The price has been paid, dear reader. The price has been paid.

Our Heavenly Father sees the Betrothed, the Body of Christ, as though this amazing spiritual creation was Christ himself.

The Enemy hates the doctrine of the Pre-tribulation Rapture because it points to a wonderful day, **“the day of Christ”**, when a cynical, disbelieving world will glimpse for a moment the victory achieved by Jesus on Calvary.

There is a powerful movement within the professing church today to corrupt and distort the fundamental truths of Christianity. Basic doctrines are being *reinterpreted* and *reimagined* in ways that would have been impossible even fifty years ago. The vast majority of Christians are unable to see this, largely because their knowledge of God's Word is so deperately inadequate. When "tolerance" takes the place of *love* and "nice" becomes a synonym for *righteous*, the New Testament church ceases to exist.



The Covid crisis has made this more obvious. Few pastors have bothered to defend the place of Christian assembly, timidly choosing instead to stand aside and allow state governors and federal governments to define the parameters of Christian worship! This is an outrage, a wicked abomination, a blatant act of Satan. Our grandparents would have described it in similar terms. Alas, church leaders today in the main have no such scruples, no sense of their moral complicity in a serious crime against the Word of God and the Body of Christ.

A real pastor

I was blessed recently to hear a sermon by pastor James Coates who has been imprisoned in Canada for daring to lead public worship in his community. The local politicians and judiciary were appalled. How dare a Christian serve and honor Christ in this way! As sworn Luciferians they moved swiftly to remove him. Imagine what would happen if other pastors followed his example? The doors of our churches would swing open and believers everywhere would come together and praise the LORD! This could not be allowed. It has taken decades of planning and scheming, lying and deceiving, to get this far. They weren't going to let a genuine Christian pastor spoil their plan.

Here is the sermon, which addresses the real meaning of Romans 13. It was given at GraceLife Church in Edmonton, Alberta on 14 February 2021:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMJOj_tCrJM

Please take the time to listen to it and share it. It is currently on the Justin Peters channel. If it is removed by YouTube, please look for it on Bitchute or similar video-sharing sites.



We need to remind our brothers and sisters in Christ that the people who are now running the world – with scarcely any exceptions – despise Christianity and the Word of God.

We are in a war, a very nasty war. The main object of this war is to destroy all traces of true Christianity. But it's a silent war. Its many battlefields are garnished with smiles and handshakes, soft words, legal terms and pinstripe suits. As the Psalmist said: **"The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords."** (Psalm 55:21)

For far too long the church has failed to recognize the existence of these people, their power and their influence, and their sinister objectives.

Here is how Job described the wealthy rebellious caste who reject all knowledge of God and His ways, who resolutely refuse to serve Him, and who manoeuvre continually to increase their advantage:

"They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?" (Job 21:13-15)

They live in luxury and tell God to go away and leave them alone. They see no advantage in praying to Him or seeking His ways. They can't even bring themselves to acknowledge that the LORD is God. In reality they worship a different god and do his bidding. The "light" they follow is the false light of Lucifer, the counterfeit light of Freemasonry, Kabbalah and Gnosticism:

"They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof." (Job 24:13)

They rebel against the Light

This is why they loath anyone who carries the Light of Christ. They rail against the Light and those who carry the Light. It upsets them intensely to have to fraternize with Christians, with men and women who are infused with the Holy Spirit. They know their ideal world – their new world order – can come about only when the earth has been purged of all born-again believers. The irony, of course, is that God Himself is going to give them what they crave and take the church from the earth in a moment of time.



The Blessed Hope will be a truly glorious day for the saints, but it will initiate an era of turmoil and darkness for the world as a whole. The restraining power of the Holy Spirit will have departed. The Enemy will now fill this spiritual vacuum with his counterfeit 'light' and imprison millions of hapless victims with his mystical illumination. All who open themselves to this deception will be demon-possessed and a brand of evil unlike any ever known will be unleashed.

David warned of these seemingly normal people, who rebel against the Light and who are drawn together in a confederacy they barely understand:

“All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.” (Psalm 41:7)

“Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.” (Psalm 56:5-6)

“For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together, Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.” (Psalm 71:10-11)

The conventional interpretation of these verses is entirely political, but it fails to take into account the rather obvious fact that Satan had been trying to prevent the incarnation of Christ from the earliest times. He first directed his attention at the destruction of the Israelites as a nation. When that didn't work he aimed instead at the annihilation of David and his descendants. Athaliah thought she had accomplished this ruthless task when she ordered the slaughter of the royal family – **“she arose and destroyed all the seed royal” (2 Kings 11:1)** – but she missed the infant concealed by Jehosheba.

In the verses just cited we see David struggling against a conspiracy fuelled by the powers of darkness. The drama itself may unfold in a political context but the mastermind behind it is the supernatural being we call Satan. He has no difficulty enlisting the assistance of those who have rebelled against the Light and using them for his nefarious purposes.

So it was then, and so it is today.



The vibrant church of Laodicea.

The great worldwide conspiracy of Freemasonry and Kabbalah has been conceived by Satan himself. He leads it and directs it. Pastors and elders in the professing Christian church know that this organized network of darkness exists, but they foolishly refuse to face up to the terrible threat that it poses. “We have the victory!” they say. Yes, we have, but only when we stand with the banner of truth:

“Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.” (Psalm 60:4)

The LORD fights for those who hold His standard, the banner of truth, in the heat of battle. He gives this banner to those who fear Him, who walk in awe of His sovereignty and power. The banner is *His* banner, His ensign, His standard. When we step forward in His holy Name and hold high His banner, He stands with us.

But woe to those who lock their churches, sit at home, pretend to ‘worship’ before a camera, and make no effort to unfurl and display the banner of truth.

We have seen very few banners in the past year. The streets are empty. The god of ridicule determines what many of our pastors will or will not do.

So, we thank the LORD for a real pastor, for men like James Coates who stand for God’s Word. They are the men (and women) holding the banner. How rare they are!

Christians who believe in the Blessed Hope, who truly live each day in the expectation of the Lord’s return, should rally around such pastors and their wives! They should expose the crimes of the Masonic ascendancy and condemn them from the rooftops. Liars hate being exposed. They hate the Light. They do their best work in darkness, in their secret chambers and sordid dens. How greatly it would pain them if Christians had the courage to call Freemasonry by its proper name – the cult of Lucifer – and to tell the world that pastor Coates was imprisoned, not for breaking the law – he didn’t – but for plainly showing that Canada is controlled by the cult of Lucifer.

He turned on a light and the rats scattered. Alas, as yet, the birds have not begun to sing.

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